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SITREP NO 12 - 10.12.1976

RE: LEBANON

PRIMO GENERAL SITUATION

ALFA FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF PEACEKEEPING FORCES RELATIVE CALM NOW PREVAILS, ICRC DELEGATES CAN MOVE FREELY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY THUS GREATLY FACILITATING SURVEY OF SITUATION, ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS FOR PROTECTION, ASSISTANCE AND MEDICAL AID, TRACING OF MISSING PERSONS AND DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES. ALL THESE ACTIVITIES ARE CLOSELY INTERRELATED. 46 DELEGATES AND STAFF AND 109 LOCAL EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY DEPLOYED IN THE FIELD

BRAVO AS RESULT OF CEASE FIRE AND BASENCE WAR CASUALTIES DECISION TAKEN TO CLOSE FIELD HOSPITAL 11 DECEMBER AND TRANSFER FEW REMAINING PATIENTS TO OTHER HOSPITALS, FIELD HOSPITAL WILL REMAIN ON CARE AND MAINTENANCE BASIS FOR AT LEAST NEXT 2 MONTHS AND ALL LOCAL EMPLOYEES AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE RECALL SHOULD SITUATION DETERIORATE. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR EXPATRIATE DOCTORS AND NURSES TO BE ON 36 HOURS STANDBY IN CASE REQUIRED. IN MEANWHILE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CONCENTRATED ON EMERGENCY AID TO DISPENSARIES, REHABILITATION AND CERTAIN OTHER PROJECTS SUCH AS BLOOD BANKS AT PRESENT UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDER STUDY.

CHARLIE REOPENING OF BEYROUTH AIRPORT AND STEADILY IMPROVING

FACILITIES MAIN LEBANESE PORTS, WHERE ICRC ENJOYS BERTHING

PRIORITIES OVER ALL OTHER TRAFFIC, HAS ENABLE US ACCELARATE

DELIVERIES BOTH BY AIR FROM EUROPE AND BY ICRC CHARTERED

SHIP KALLIOPI FROM LIMASSOL. TOTAL NUMBER BENEFICIARIES

INCLUDED IN ICRC FOUR MONTH PLAN APPROXIMATELY 780.000.

SEE TERTIO FOR FURTHER DETAILS RELIEF SUPPLIES.

DELTA CENTRAL TRACING AGENCY ALSO ABLE PROFIT FROM IMPROVED

SITUATION AND DURING MONTH OF NOVEMBER ALONE 1200 ENQUIRIES

HAVE BEEN PROCESSED AND 2000 FAMILY MESSAGES PASSED

ECHO MAIN PREOCCUPATION OF ICRC REMAINS PROBLEM OF

PROTECTION, CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY MATERIAL AND MEDICAL AID

FOR THOSE IN NEED. WE ARE URGENTLY ESTABLISHING CONTACT

WITH NEWLY FORMED GOVERNMENT TO AGREE PRIORITIES AND

COORDINATED ACTIVITIES.

SECUNDO RESUMEE ICRC ACTION OCT 1975 TO SEPT 1976

TOTAL RELIEF GOODS SENT TO LEBANON

MEDICAMENTS AND

MEDICAL MATERIAL 500 TONS 10 150 000 SFR

FOODSTUFF 1980 TONS 2 800 000 SFR

VARIOUS 100 TONS 850 000 SFR

TOTAL RELIEF GOODS 2580 TONS 13 800 000 SFR

TRANSPORT COSTS 1 500 000 SFR
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES 2 630 000 SFR
TOTAL ICRC ACTION 17 930 000 SFR

TERTIO PRESENT ICRC RELIEF ACTION

ALFA A TOTAL OF 1 350 000 PEOPLE IN LEBANON ARE CURRENTLY

IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. OUR FOUR MONTH PLAN IS BASED

ON COVERING THE NEEDS OF 780 000 PEOPLE, LEAVING 570 000

TO THE CARE OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH COORDINATE THEIR

PROGRAMS WITH THE ICRC

BRAVO OUR ORIGINAL FOUR MONTHS PLAN, ADJUSTED IN LIGHT

OF NEW SITUATION, INCLUDES SOME 15 000 TONS OF RELIEF

SUPPLIES PLUS MEDICAMENTS AND MEDICAL MATERIAL, TO A TOTAL

VALUE OF OVER 32 MIO SFR.

TRANSPORT COSTS WILL AMOUNT TO SOME 9 MIO SFR AND OPERATIONAL

EXPENSES TO A FURTHER 3 MIO SFR

CHARLIE CONTRIBUTIONS IN RESPONSE TO LAST ICRC APPEAL SO

FAR COVER ABOUT 31 MIO SFR. OF OUR 44 MIO SFR BUDGET.

RECEIVED IN CASH 11 500 000 SFR

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GOVERNMENTS 11 200 000 SFR

NATIONAL SOCIETIES 150 000 SFR

VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS 150 000 SFR

RECEIVED IN KIND 19 500 000 SFR

GOVERNMENTS 1 800 000 SFR

NATIONAL SOCIETIES 5 300 000 SFR

VARIOUS

ORGANISATIONS 12 400 000 SFR

TOTAL RECEIVED

31 000 000 SFR

QUARTO

MOST URGENT NEEDS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY ARE 50 000 BLANKETS, 100 TONS OF BABY MILK AND 700 TONS OF MEAT, PREFERABLY

CHICKEN FAILING THAT BEEF.

FURTHER CASH CONTRIBUTIONS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO ENSURE

THE CONTINUITY OF OUR MEDICAL ACTIVITIES, COVER TRANSPORT

COSTS AND ENABLE US TO START A LARGE SCALE REHABILITATION

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